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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The answer is in the negative."

*Scholarships to Backward Class students.*

* 1223 Q.—SRI N. RAJAGOPAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) how many applications from Harijan and Backward Community students for scholarships were received during the financial year 1952–53 ; and

(b) how many of them were rejected solely on the ground of want of funds?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) Forty-five thousand six hundred and twenty-four.

" (b) Twenty-five thousand one hundred and three."

*Promotions and punishments in the Co-operative department.*

* 1224 Q.—DR. G. CHITRAMBALAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) how many Senior Inspectors and Sub-Registrars of Co-operation were promoted during the period of the present Registrar of Co-operative Societies and out of this how many were Catholics ;

(b) what is the number of Inspectors, Sub-Registrars and Deputy Registrars against whom complaints and reports were received by the department, and how many of them were Catholics;

(c) what is the number of Catholic officers against whom action was taken and if so, what was the nature of action;

(d) what is the number of Catholic Inspectors, Sub-Registrars and Deputy Registrars who have not been transferred from their stations for more than three years on date ; and

(e) why the present Registrar is allowed to continue for more than five years in this department?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—" (a) Two hundred and thirty-eight Senior Inspectors and 58 Co-operative Sub-Registrars were promoted after the present Registrar assumed charge. Of them, 17 Senior Inspectors and 6 Co-operative Sub-Registrars were Christians. Separate figures for Catholics are not available.

" (b) *to* (d) No statistics are maintained, Sir. They will have to be gathered from the districts which will involve much time and work.

" (e) The present Registrar belongs to the Co-operative Department and he was appointed to the I.A.S. only on 29th January 1952. Hence only from this date, and not earlier, as a member

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of the I.A.S. he is liable for appointment to any other post borne on the I.C.A. Cadre of the State or any equivalent post."

*Women welfare centres in Ongole taluk.*

* 1225 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of women welfare centres working in Ongole taluk and the daily attendance at each centre;

(*b*) what is the percentage of attendance of the agricultural labourers, the Harijans, the peasantry and the merchants at Santhanuthalapad centre;

(*c*) the number of women benefited by these centres for earning their living independently; and

(*d*) the total amount spent for running these centres in Ongole taluk for the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" (*a*) Four centres.

" The daily average attendance at each centre is as noted below :—

Vallur branch—

Office centre—4.

Slum centre—3.

Santhanuthalapadu branch—

Office centre—7.

Slum centre—7.

" (*b*) There are only Harijans in the slum centre. In the office centre, 50 per cent of the members are Harijans. The rest belong to peasantry and merchant class.

" (*c*) Vallur branch—

Office centre—27.

Slum centre—23.

Santhanuthalapadu branch—

Office centre—36.

Slum centre—25.

" (*d*) Rupees 5,268–1–0."

*Mangalagiri Weavers' Co-operative Society, Guntur district.*

* 1226 *Q.*—SRI K. KRISHNA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that orders have been passed by Government superseding the Board of Management of the Mangalagiri Weavers' Co-operative Society at Mangalagiri,